

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday.....	4:00 pm
Sunday.....	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday.....	7:00 am
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....	10:00 am
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....	10:00 am

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1. **Join the Parish**
2. **Schedule a Baptism**
3. **Schedule a Mass Intention**
4. **Any other questions or concerns**

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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

Gospel at Procession: Mark 11:1-10

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel (Passion): Mark 14:1-15:47

Many people spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy
branches that they had
cut in the fields.

MARK 11:8, NRSV



Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

From Father Schmeckel:

This Sunday is **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**. This marks the beginning of Holy Week and the immediate preparation for celebrating the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). As we begin the most holy season of the year, let's think about the Triduum as a whole and look at a few distinct moments in each part.



The Sacred Triduum as a whole. I encourage you, to try to make all of the Sacred Triduum a part of your calendar and planning to celebrate this week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (or Easter Sunday) make sense when they are celebrated together, as one. It then becomes more obvious that these three holy days are the “New Passover” or the “New Exodus”. Together they remind us of the Passover that the Israelites were commanded to celebrate before leaving Egypt as slaves, and to do every year after that as a reminder of what God did for them. They also remind us of the blood of the lamb that was put on the lintels to protect those within the house; (now it is Jesus' blood which redeems, protects, and saves us). Together, these days also remind us that Jesus leads us completely into the Promised Land of heaven.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper - when our Lord celebrates the Passover a final time with his disciples. On this night three things are commemorated: the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the Priesthood, and Jesus' commandment of “fraternal charity” - to love one another. This is often seen when the priest washes the feet of others.

Questions for reflection: Have I loved the Eucharist and made the Eucharist the center of my life? Have I prayed for vocations to the priesthood, even for my sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends? How have I loved and served my neighbor and those in need?

Good Friday is especially dramatic because it is not a Mass. There are three parts to this Liturgy: 1) the Liturgy of the Word, which concludes with the Solemn Intercessions that are sung; 2) the Adoration of the Holy Cross, and 3) Holy Communion. Something that has always been interesting to me is that Good Friday is not a holy day of obligation, yet it is one of the most well attended liturgies in the entire year. I suspect that this is because deep within us, we recognize the need for the Cross. Deep within us, whether we can put words to it or not, we recognize that our sins, our failures and our ‘messes’, need something big to atone and make up for it.

Questions for reflection: What Cross have I had to carry in this past year? Have I prayed daily to ask Jesus to help me carry and love the Cross that He has allowed for me?

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday is the “greatest and most noble of all solemnities”. So many wonderful and beautiful things happen in this celebration that it is difficult to cover and teach all of them. These include: the Easter fire, the Easter Proclamation, many Readings, Baptisms, and of course, the Eucharist.

One of the most memorable moments in this celebration is when we enter the darkened Church with candles and then sing the Easter Proclamation (or the *Exsultet*). It is amazing how a small lit candle brightens the darkness of the church and of the night. All of this reminds us, so powerfully, that Jesus is the only Light that can illuminate the darkness of our hearts and our world.

Questions for reflection: Have I thought about the promises that were made on the day of my Baptism? How have I lived out my baptismal promises in the past year? Have I tried to understand and live them out more fully and lovingly?

MASS INTENTIONS

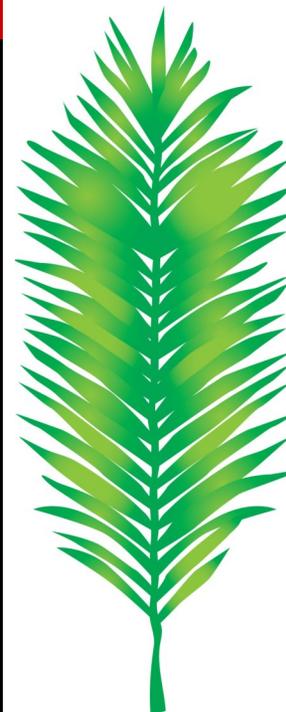
Saturday	March 23	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, & Robert Savala by Family
Sunday	March 24	St. John's	8:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Bill Jens & Zach Mauer by Jens Family, †Wally Guse by Bob & Linda Guse
Tuesday	March 26	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Family
Wednesday	March 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Thursday	March 28	St. John's	7:00 pm	†Deceased Members of the Tauferner and Schwebel Families
Friday	March 29	Blessed Trinity	1:30 pm	<i>The Lord's Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion</i>
Saturday	March 30	Blessed Trinity	7:45 pm	†Wally Dobrzynski by Family
Sunday	March 31	St. John's	6:45 am	†Norbert & Adeline Haen by Cate Pearce
Sunday	March 31	St. John's	8:30 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Sunday	March 31	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered:

Tuesday, March 26 – 7:30-8:45 AM – Blessed Trinity Parish
 Wednesday, March 27 – 12:00-1:00 PM (or until finished) – Saint John Evangelist Parish
 Thursday, March 28 – 3:30-4:30 PM – Saint John Evangelist Parish
 Friday, March 29 – 8:00-9:00 AM (or until finished) – Blessed Trinity Parish
 Saturday, March 30 – 8:00-9:00 AM (or until finished) – Blessed Trinity Parish

LAY MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES	Holy Thursday March 28, 7:00 pm	Easter Sunday March 31, 6:45 am	Easter Sunday March 31, 8:30 am
Lector	Justin Spaeth	Diane Hart	Gerry Loth
Servers	Max S. Sebastian Schefsky	Volunteer Volunteer	Ben B. Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sue Neumeyer	Gretchen Free	Pattie Cosgrove Susan Vavra Ken Udovich
Ushers		Randy Romanoski	Tom Reilly
Sacristan	Diane Torke Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Dave & Diane Hart	Connie Katchkey



EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

2:30 - 3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 - 8:00 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:45 am Mass
12:00 - 1:00 pm Reconciliation

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 21

3:30 - 4:30 pm Reconciliation
7:00 pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 24

6:45 am Mass
8:30 am Mass

Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation
invites you to

Young Adult Mass & Social at King Park

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass in the King Park Pavilion followed by food and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.



Date:

Saturday, April 27

Time:

6:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:

King Park Pavilion
1615 S. 7th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Questions:

Contact Jacqueline at
jguilbeault@sjbplymouth.org

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES UPDATES:

As we enter Holy Week, the following normal weekly activities/events **will not** occur:

- ◆ The Mission Society will not meet on Tuesday, March 26.
- ◆ There is no Religious Education classes for either the 4K - Grade 6 or Grades 7 - 12 students on Wednesday, March 27
- ◆ There is no Adoration on Thursday, March 28. The church will be open from 5:45 am until midnight for those who would like to come in to pray.
- ◆ The Thursday Bible Study group will not meet on Thursday, March 28.
- ◆ There is NO 7:00 am Mass on Friday, March 29 because it is Good Friday.

IMPORTANT MASS CHANGE & UPDATE:

The elevator at Blessed Trinity is set to be replaced beginning on **Monday, April 1 (tentatively through June 10)**. Due to this work, the daily Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be moved to St. John Evangelist Parish beginning on **Tuesday, April 2**. Additional information:

- The Tuesday and Thursday Mass time will change to **8:00 am** (currently it is at 9:00 am).
- Tuesday Rosary will begin at 7:30 am.
- Thursday Adoration at St. John Evangelist Parish will begin at **8:30 am** (immediately following the Mass). Note: The church will still be open beginning at 5:45 am for private prayer on Thursdays.

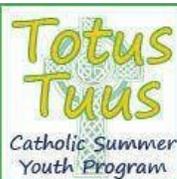


WALKING WITH JESUS:

The 4K-Grade 6 Religious Education Lenten theme this year is "Walking with Jesus" and our students and families are giving and collecting new socks (any size) to be given to those in need. It is not too late to donate. Collection baskets are in the Religious Education wing and in the Gathering Space. All socks will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul after Easter.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

	St. John Evangelist	Blessed Trinity
Palm Sunday Mass	Saturday, March 23: 4:00 pm Sunday, March 24: 8:30 am	Sunday, March 24: 10:30 am
Holy Thursday Mass (After Mass, 1 Hour of Eucharistic Adoration)	Thursday, March 28: 7:00 pm	
Good Friday Service		Friday, March 29: 1:30 pm
Holy Saturday Mass/ Easter Vigil		Saturday, March 30: 7:45 pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday, March 31: 6:45 am 8:30 am	Sunday, March 31: 10:30 am



Grades 1-6 and 7-12 Summer Vacation Bible School: Totus Tuus is taking place here at St. John Evangelist Parish from **June 23-28**. More information and Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space at the entrance of the Church or on the St John Evangelist website. Registration Fees: \$20.00 per student Grades 1-6, \$20.00 per student / Grades 7-12, \$10 per student. Fees increase after April 1. For more information contact: Jeanne Bitkers, DRE 4K-Grade 6 jeanne@btsje.org or call the Parish Office 920-452-9623.

2024 Lenten Almsgiving: The choir sings an ancient hymn called: 'Uni caritas est vera Deus ibi est.' The words mean: "Where true charity is, there is God." Both parishes have been extremely generous in their support of establishing the Anchor of Hope Education Scholarship. On behalf of the Human Concerns committees at SJE and BT, we are grateful for the parishes supporting the Lenten Almsgiving focus. **To date, we have collected \$21,177.** This will afford young mothers the opportunity to pursue a meaningful career to provide for their families.
~Sharon Reilly, Human Concerns Social Justice Committee

FINANCIAL: MARCH 17, 2024: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,414.00.



CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP:

The Catholic Life Center will be hosting a pilgrimage to visit The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion WI on **Friday, June 14**. The bus will leave Blessed Trinity Parish parking lot at 8:00 am and arrive back around 4:30 pm. During the pilgrimage, there will be opportunities for Mass, Confessions, and the rosary. Cost is \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. Bring your own bag lunch or purchase a box lunch for an additional \$10.00 per person. Space is limited. Registration forms are located in the Gathering Space and are due by May 20.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER INFORMATION

IMPORTANT PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK INFORMATION:



PALM SUNDAY: Masses will be on **Saturday, March 23 at 4:00 pm** and **Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish. Before Mass, gather under the canopy off of the parking lot for the blessing of the palms. Then process into the church for the Mass. Left over blessed palms will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space until noon on Holy Thursday.

HOLY THURSDAY: Institution of the Holy Eucharist & Holy Orders-Solemn Mass at **St. John Evangelist Parish** on **Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm**. At the conclusion, the altar is stripped. The church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 am.

GOOD FRIDAY: Recalls the suffering and death of Our Lord on the Cross. The **1:30 pm** liturgical service at **Blessed Trinity Parish** is on **Friday, March 29** and includes the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The money collected will be sent to the Shrines in the Holy Land.

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL): Night watch of the Lord's Resurrection is at **7:45 pm** at **Blessed Trinity Parish**. This beautiful and inspiring Mass includes the Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Holy Saturday Mass fulfills the Easter Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY: The Lord's Resurrection is at **6:45 am and 8:30 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish and **10:30 am** at Blessed Trinity Parish.

Lenten Observance: The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason: *a) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent; b) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Therefore, on these days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during these two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.* Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES:

Enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary and Rediscover its Power! An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of each of us.

The call to pray is urgent. Please join us in the church at Blessed Trinity Parish for each half-hour episode, and then stay to pray the Rosary with us, as a community, afterwards!

Seven episodes on seven evenings: **Mondays May 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th** starting at **6:00 PM. Saturdays May 4th and 18th, and Saturday June 1st, following the 4:00 PM Mass (approximately 5:15 PM).** ~Jim O'Neill

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHARITY CLUB:

The next Catholic Women's Charity Club meeting is **Wednesday, April 3rd** at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter Claver Van Treeck Hall. The speaker for the evening is Linda Wieck with the Camo Quilt Project. All Catholic Women are welcome.



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SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY: Please continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. Special reminder from Heidi O'Neill: "The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry appreciates the many donations that are made to us throughout the year. However, we are unable to accept any outdated items, as this poses a possible risk to our clients. Thank you for your understanding and thank you for the many donations that you make to the pantry." **Next Delivery: Monday, April, 2024: Matt & Jennifer Walton**

REFLECTIVE MATERIALS

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER TO PENTECOST are available on the table in the Gathering Space.



Join others for Eucharistic Revival Speaker, Deacon Dave Sheuer, on **April 10th** from **6:15-7:15pm** in the church at St. John the Baptist, Plymouth, WI.

Through heartfelt stories and personal reflections, the speaker, and author of the book, "A Glimpse of Heaven on Earth," will invite you on a journey of faith, exploration, and intimate encounters with the divine, offering you the opportunity to peer beyond the veil of everyday life into the mysteries of the Catholic faith, and offering glimpses of the profound spiritual experiences that lie within. His witness will provide a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and guide you to a deeper understanding of the sanctity of the Mass and the transformative power of the Eucharist.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

Guest speaker
DEACON DAVE SHEUER

April 10th, 2024
6:15-7:15pm
St. John the Baptist



Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



MARKO TOMICIC/SHUTTERSTOCK

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself" he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME,
MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7

SUNDAY

March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7

